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SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL CONVEYED TO FOREIGN OFFICE,
WHICH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION AND
GRATITUDE THAT GOA AND USG VIEWS ABOUT NATURE OF
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS DURING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S
VISIT ARE SO SIMILAR.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN MULTILATERAL INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE
ATTACK ON WORLD AND REGIONAL FOOD SHORTAGES, WORLD
GRAIN RESERVES, A COMMON INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO
THE ENERGY PROBLEM, ETC., AND SO THE GOA NOTED WITH
PARTICULAR PLEASURE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE VICE PRESI-
DENT WILL WANT TO GET INTO THESE MATTERS. HE WILL FIND
A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE HERE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR RENOUF
WILL BE MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT DURING THE
WEEK OF THE 20TH TO REVIEW SCHEDULE AND ISSUES TO BE
DISCUSSED. WE FURTHER GATHER THAT PRIME MINISTER
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FRASER HAS HIMSELF JUST APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS TO
RENOUF FOR THAT MEETING, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THE
INITIATIVE CAME FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
RATHER THAN FROM THE AUSTRALIAN SIDE. WE WILL ENDEAVOR
TO GET A READ-OUT ON THOSE INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH WE WILL
SEND BACK FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION. LIKewise,
WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFO DEPARTMENT CAN

OBTAIN ON ARRANGEMENTS AGREED TO DIRECTLY BETWEEN
VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY.
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